Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification to add a claim for priority, headers, and an abstract to the application and have amended claims 3, 4, 7-11, and 15-18 to correct multiple dependencies and minor inconsistencies. The amendments presented herewith are made with respect to the claims as presented with the International Preliminary Report on Patentability accompanying this preliminary amendment. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments. Applicant hereby requests entry into the National stage and examination of the above-identified application.

In view of the above-amendments, it is submitted that the above application is in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 13, 2005

Gunnar G. Leinberg Registration No. 35,584

NIXON PEABODY LLP Clinton Square, P.O. Box 31051 Rochester, New York 14603-1051

Telephone: (585) 263-1014 Facsimile: (585) 263-1600